

REMARKS

Responsive to the fifth Office action, applicant is submitting the above-identified amendment to the claims that follows the example provided by the Examiner in the fifth Office action as APPENDIX A, and which complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173. Applicant is confused by the latest requirement because it believes it followed the required procedure initially in this reissue examination, and then was required to resubmit an amendment showing the new claims without underlining. With this amendment, applicant has changed the format of the new claims (to shown underlining).

With respect to the requirement to submit a supplemental oath/declaration, applicant submitted an executed supplemental oath/declaration with its response dated June 14, 2004. Applicant understood that the Examiner accepted the previously submitted supplemental oath/declaration. Applicant's attorney will telephone the Examiner to clarify whether there is now a requirement to provide a second, supplemental oath/declaration.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the reissue application and reissuance of the patent.

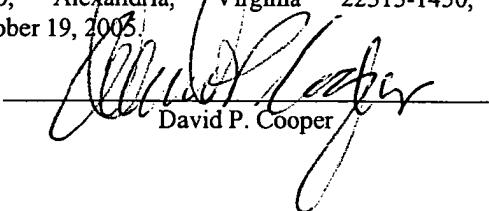
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